

Joint Investigation Leads to Drug and Weapon Charges - Harrington

Harrington— The Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit (KDU) with the assistance of the Dover Police Department's Drugs, Vice, and Organized Crime and Safe Streets Units, the U.S. Marshals Task Force, and Troop 3 Patrol concluded a drug investigation into the distribution of illegal drugs.

On February 20, 2020 the joint investigation into the distribution of illegal drugs concluded with the arrest of 34-year-old **Samuel L. Thorpe** of Harrington. Through investigative measures it was learned that Thorpe was distributing illegal drugs. A search warrant was obtained for his residence located in the 100 block of Central Park Drive, Harrington.

As a result of the search warrant the following was located:

- Approximately 22.46 grams of raw Heroin (Tier 3)
- Approximately 5.94 grams of Cocaine (Tier 1)
- 6.03 grams of an unknown substance stored in 7 clear plastic capsules designed to appear as heroin
- Bersa .380 caliber handgun with an obliterated serial number
- 50 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition
- Gabapentin 300 mg pills (14)
- Drug Paraphernalia
- Over \$700.00 in suspected drug proceeds



Thorpe was taken into custody at his residence without incident. Also present in the residence were Thorpe's two children ages 4 and 2. A computer inquiry revealed that

Thorpe was a person prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Thorpe was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession With Intent To Deliver a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity
- Possession of Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity
- Possession of a Firearm by Person Convicted of Two Violent Felonies On Separate Occasions
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Conviction of Use Possession or Sale of Drugs (2 counts)
- Possession With Intent To Deliver a Controlled Substance (2 counts)
- Possession of a Weapon with a Removed, Obliterated or Altered Serial Number
- Possession With Intent To Deliver a Counterfeit Controlled Substance
- Possession of Controlled Substance Tier 1 Quantity
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2 counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Thorpe was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$137500.00 secured bond.

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